Chapter 61 | Denial

THIS GIRL ...
...IS AN MMA FIGHTER ?

SO THAT'S IT, EH?
OH, I SEE.
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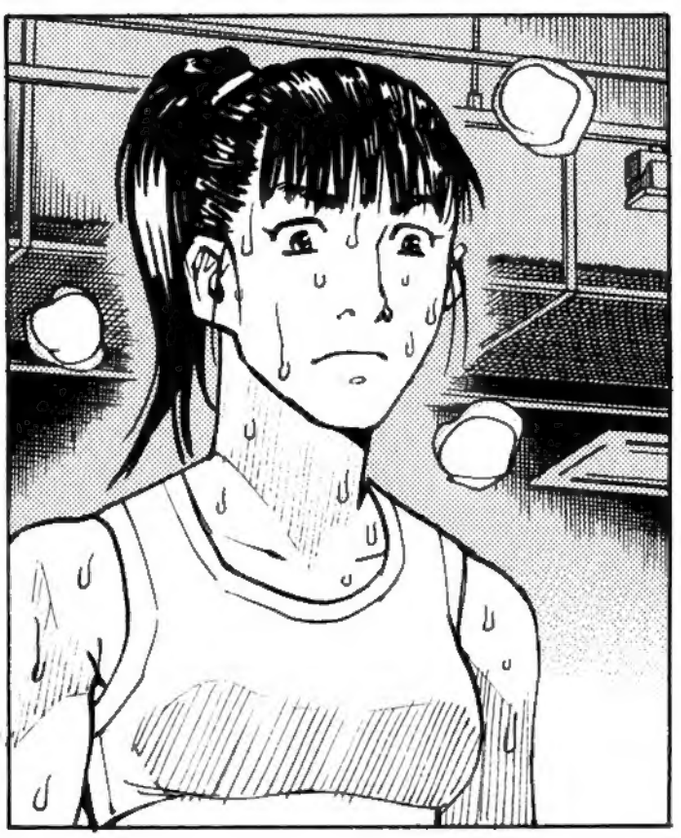

...ARE BOTH LEGAL UNDER MUAY THAI RULES.
FRONTAL FORCE-DOWNS AND CATCHING KICKS...
I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE'LL TAKE THIS...
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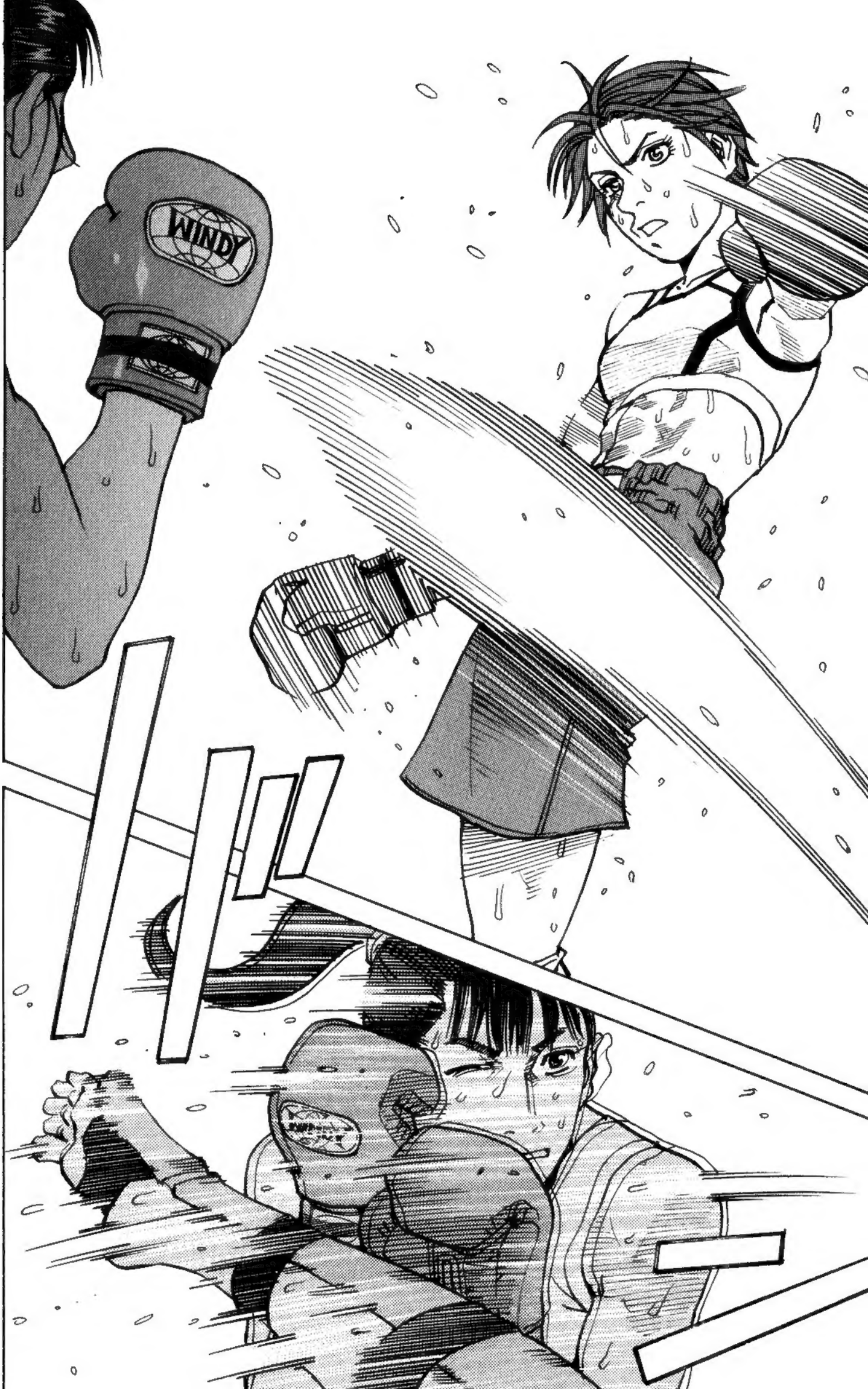
MAKI...
FROM THAT LOOK IN HER EYES, SHE'S GOT AN IDEA...
THAT SORT OF THING ...
...IS WHAT PISSES ME OFF THE MOST!
DID YOU ENTER A KICKBOXING TOURNA-MENT...
...JUST TO WORK ON YOUR PUNCHES?


WINDY

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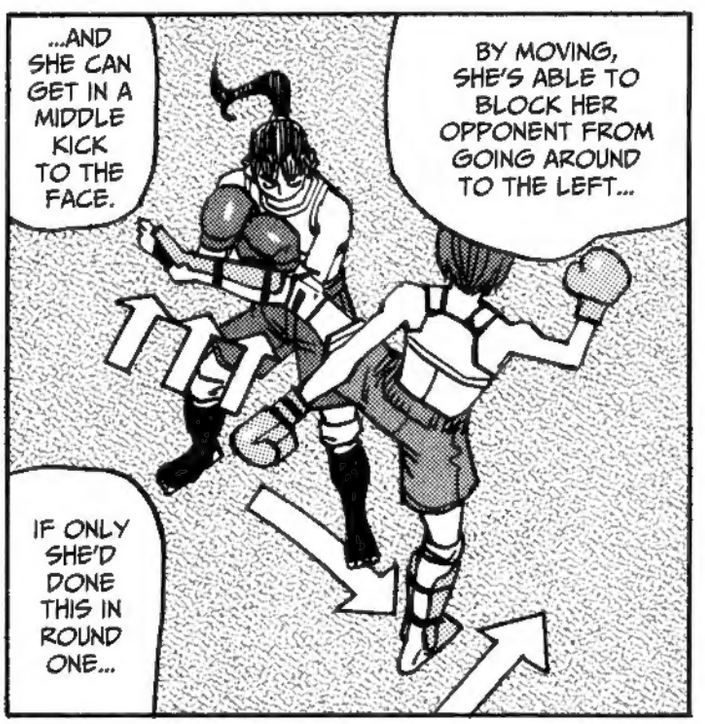
MAKI'S STARTED IN WITH THE STRONG MIDDLE KICKS AGAIN...
THE PRESSURE'S GOOD FOR HER.
SHE'S GETTING HER RIGHT FOOT OUT PAST HER OPPONENT.

IT'S GOOD THAT MAKI'S GETTING OUT THERE AGAIN...
BUT IT'S CLEAR THIS GIRL IS HERE TO STUDY MAKI...
DID SHE COME ALL THE WAY FROM KANSAI FOR THAT?


BY MOVING, SHE'S ABLE TO BLOCK HER OPPONENT FROM GOING AROUND TO THE LEFT...
...AND SHE CAN GET IN A MIDDLE KICK TO THE FACE.
IF ONLY SHE'D DONE THIS IN ROUND ONE...

IT CAN'T BE...

AYA! FIGHT!
DON'T BACK DOWN NOW!
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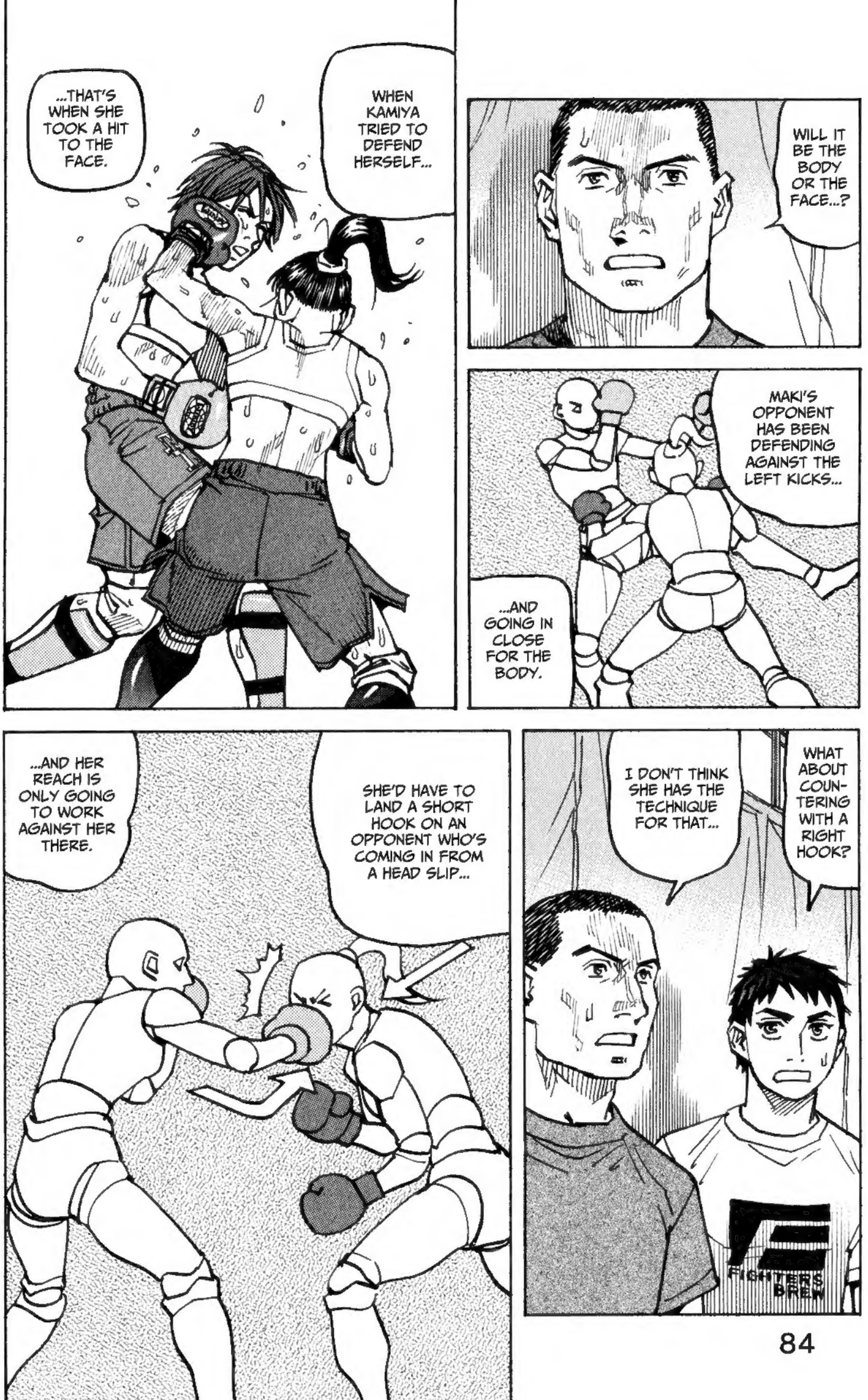
I'VE GOT IT NOW...
YOUR FINISHING BLOW IS A LEFT HOOK, ISN'T IT?
YOU'LL BLOCK MY MIDDLE KICK AND THROW A LEFT HOOK.
THAT'S A WINNING STRATEGY FOR A CONVEN-TIONAL STRIKER.
BUT...


WHEN KAMIYA TRIED TO DEFEND HERSELF...
...THAT'S WHEN SHE TOOK A HIT TO THE FACE.
WILL IT BE THE BODY OR THE FACE...?
MAKI'S OPPONENT HAS BEEN DEFENDING AGAINST THE LEFT KICKS...
...AND GOING IN CLOSE FOR THE BODY.
SHE'D HAVE TO LAND A SHORT HOOK ON AN OPPONENT WHO'S COMING IN FROM A HEAD SLIP...
...AND HER REACH IS ONLY GOING TO WORK AGAINST HER THERE.
I DON'T THINK SHE HAS THE TECHNIQUE FOR THAT...
WHAT ABOUT COUNTERING WITH A RIGHT HOOK?
FIGHTERS BREW

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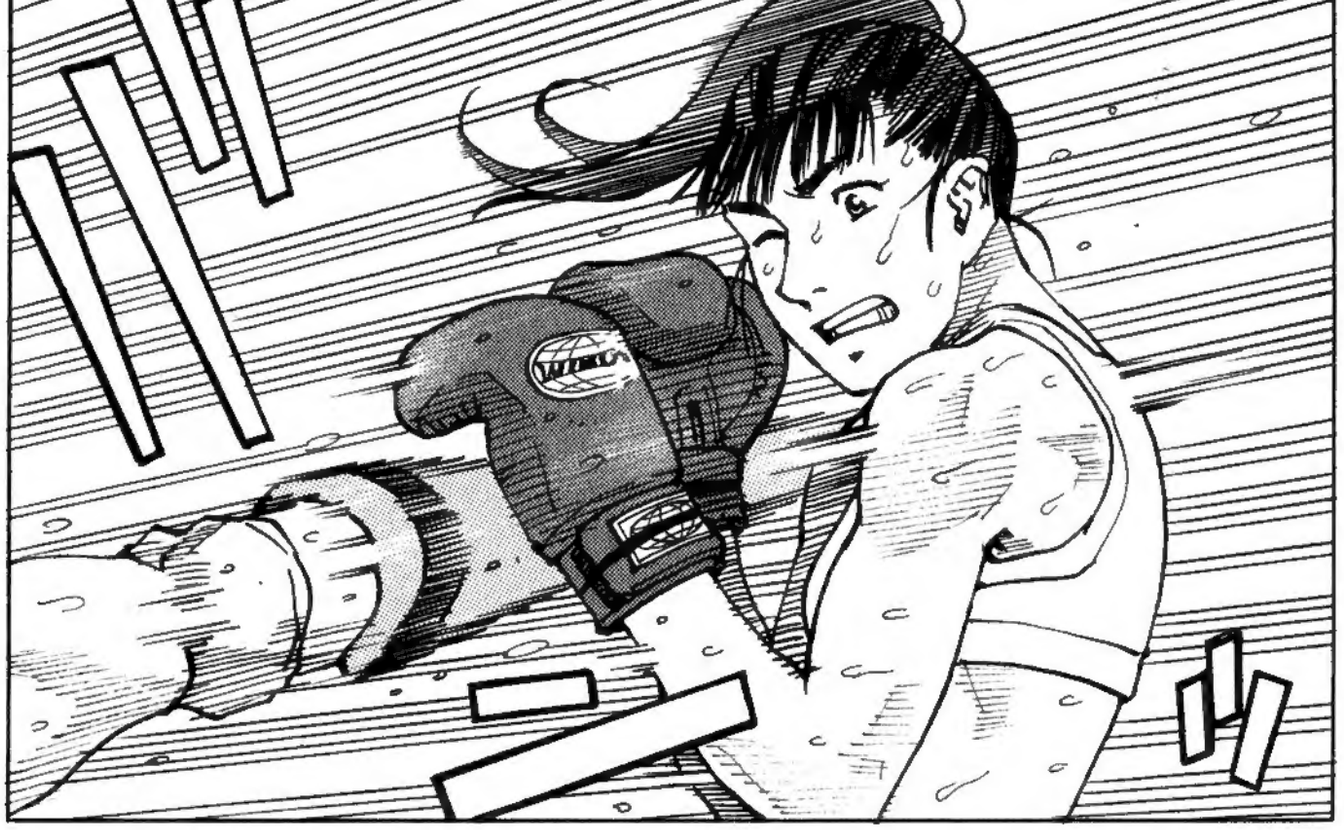
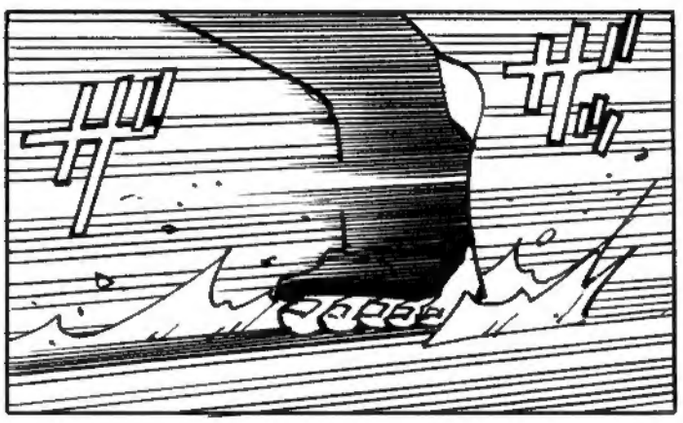
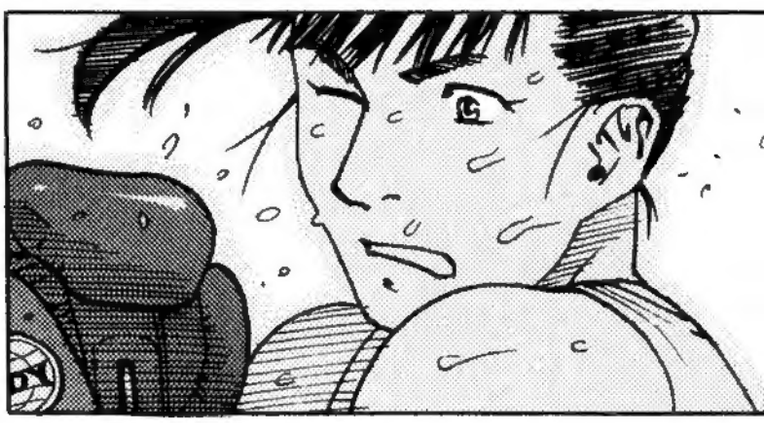
BODY OR FACE?
ALL RIGHT ...
COME AT ME.

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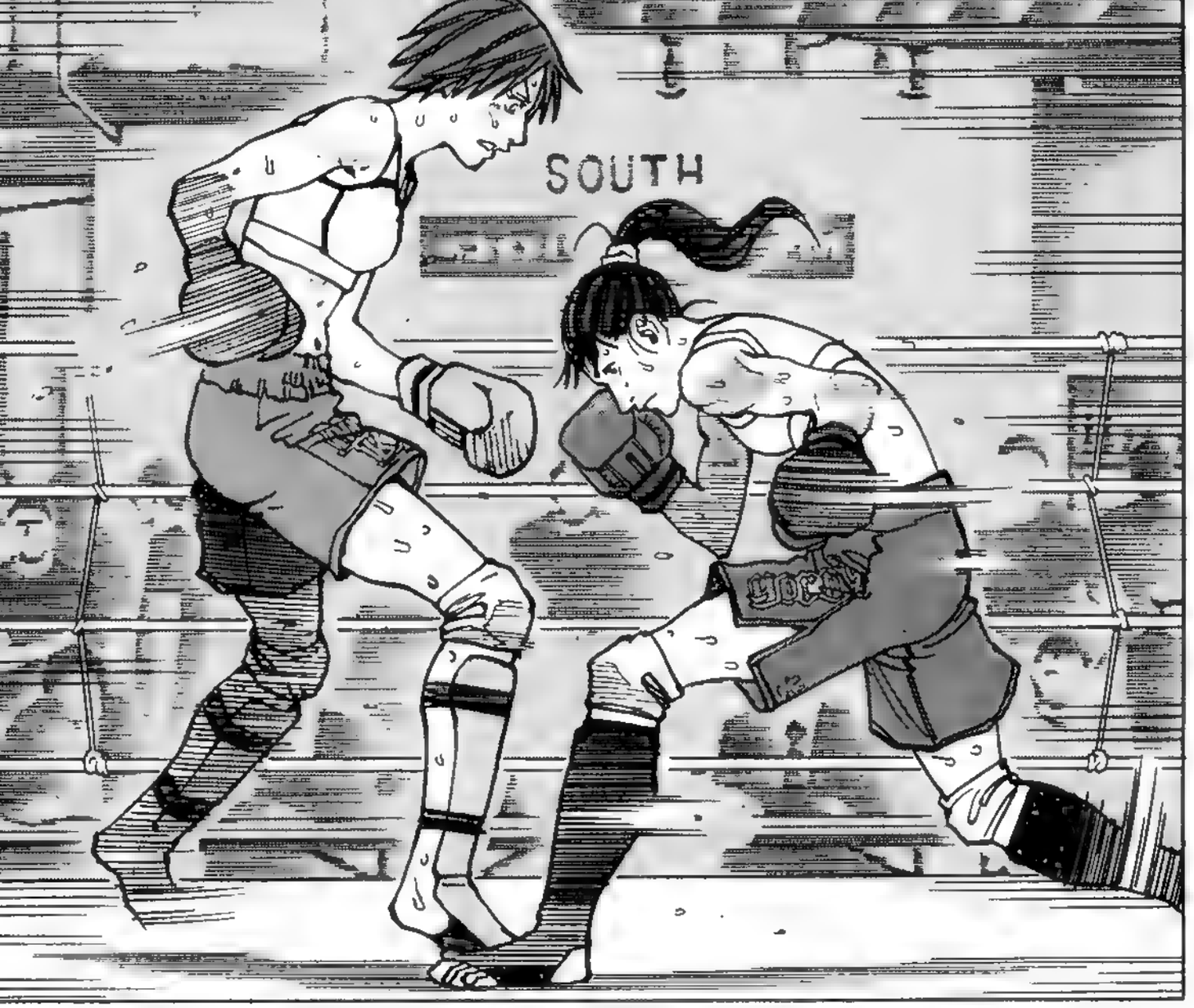
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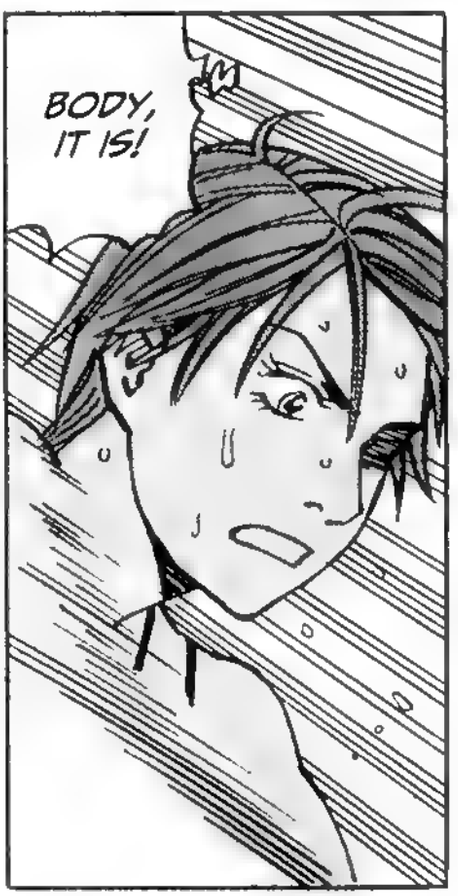
BUT MY PUNCH'LL LAND FIRST!
A RIGHT HOOK ?!


BODY, IT IS!

DON'T FUCK...
...WITH MUAY THAI!

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THAT'S NOT A RIGHT HOOK?!

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REF, THAT'S ILLEGAL!
THAT WAS AN ELBOW!
A DOUBLE KNOCK-DOWN?!
Ooh
Ooh

カンカンカン
Match over!

...for using an illegal elbow strike!
...is disqualified...
Now for the results of that match...
Kamiya in the blue corner...
...is Nagamine in the red corner!
Which means the winner...
GOLD'S GYM
EAST
RC3RC3
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DID SHE INTENTIONALLY USE HER ELBOW?
HMM...
WELL, THIS IS AMATEUR KICK-BOXING...
...NOT MUAY THAI WHERE ELBOWS ARE ALLOWED.
I CAN UNDERSTAND NOT WANTING TO LOSE...
MUAI
...BUT WHAT SHE DID WAS BOTH DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL.